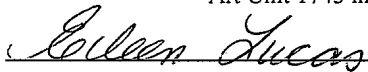


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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 27, 2006. Enclosed is a Petition for a 3-month extension of time which will bring the time for response to January 29, 2007. Please consider the remarks that follow.